

Electoral structure review - Yarra City Council - Response Submission
Andrew Lloyd - Clifton Hill - 14 July 2023, 09:23 am

Dear Review Committee

My wife and I own a property and live in Clifton Hill.

I believe councils should be about what is best for the community. In my opinion party politics reduces the focus on local issues and distracts from the views of the community, and hence is generally detrimental to sound outcomes at a local level.

I am concerned that smaller wards with one councillor per ward will mean we end up with even more political party domination. By having more than one councillor in each electoral area it increases the chances of more than one party being represented.

Further, occasionally councillors get busy or are unable to be active, as happened recently in the City of Yarra. If there is only one councillor per electoral area, in that circumstance that area has no representative. So my view is that we should have at least two councillors per ward.

I agree with your report that 9 councillors is satisfactory. In this case I see no reason to abolish the current areas, and if you do, I ask that the areas be sized to ensure that each has at least two representatives.

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